



## ***Job Description – Falconer 2020***

**Potential start dates** – 1<sup>st</sup> of May

**Contract Length** – 6-12 months

**Wage** – To Be Agreed

**Reporting directly to the General Manager and the Director for related tasks**

### **Duties:**

- Day to day running of the falconry facility with the central aim of upholding high standards of welfare and appearance of the birds.
- Assist and learn methods of training birds for hawking, flying displays, hunting and racing competitions;
- Assist in all aspects of care and maintenance for the Northumberland Crow Falcons (NCF) horses;

**We are looking for a Falconer to help manage, train and breed falcons in line with our company needs and through ethical practices.**

### **Falconry Responsibilities (including but not limited to):**

- Feeding and weighing the birds to ensure they have the correct amount of feed and exercise;
- Training birds for hawking, flying displays, hunting and racing competitions across our farms, including piloting of roprey and working with the bird tracking equipment (telemetry);
- Giving flying displays and assist with competitions with multiple birds for extended periods;
- Ensure that “weight charts” are filled in each day for all falcons;
- Immediately reporting any health concerns, medical emergencies, coping, imping and minor injuries to the Head Falconer;
- Notifying the Head falconer for any Falconry equipment orders;
- Transporting supplies and birds to the vets, between sites and collecting new birds;
- Leatherwork tasks such as making jesses, leashes, backpacks, tail mounts etc.;
- Keeping accurate records of birds, including deaths, feed stuffs and disposal of waste products;
- Carrying out health & safety procedures, including emergency routines for lost birds and fire drills;
- During the winter carrying out the preparation and maintenance of the falconry facilities and display areas across our farms;



- Train falcons for clients as a company service;
- Helping to find jobs for junior staff and interns working on our farms;
- Assisting with farm jobs like fencing, landscape and facilities maintenance and repairs;
- Assisting the Managers during on site developments (e.g. mews), facilities renovations and infrastructure development at our farms;
- Communicating with falcon clients (high and low profile), gaining feedback all to the highest standards-customer relations;
- Overseas travel with trained falcons, attending events and hunting trips and general trip duties;
- Airport runs transporting falcons and humans between sites;
- Basic vehicle maintenance and checks; and

**Any other duties which may arise in line with the company needs.**